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SUBJECT: HARBORWORKERS JOIN COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL

1. INDEPENDENT SWEDISH HARBORWORKERS UNION HAS ANNOUNCED ITS AFFILIATION TO WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (WFTU). THIS IS FIRST SWEDISH UNION EVER TO TAKE THIS STEP. HARBORWORKERS BROKE AWAY FROM TRANSPORTWORKERS UNION TWO YEARS AGO AND NOW REPRESENTS ABOUT 2,900 OF SWEDEN'S 4,000 DOCKWORKERS. UNION SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP TO INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTWORKERS FEDERATION AND SCANDINAVIAN TRANSPORTWORKERS FEDERATION HAVE BEEN IGNORED AND IT WAS THEREFORE DECIDED TO JOIN WFTU INSTEAD.

2. COMMENT: HARBORWORKERS'S UNION HAS BEEN ODD MAN OUT ON SWEDISH LABOR SCENE SINCE ITS FORMATION IN 1973. DUE SWEDISH CENTRALIZED BARGAINING SYSTEM, HARBORWORKERS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO NEGOTIATE SEPARATE AGREEMENTS AND MEMBERS WORK UNDER CONDITIONS NEGOTIATED BY TRANSPORTWORKERS UNION. IT IS IN VERY WEAK FINANCIAL CONDITION AND UNDOUBTEDLY CHIEF MOTIVE IS AFFILI-

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ATING TO WFTU IS HOPE OF GETTING SUBSIDIES. ANOTHER CONTRIBUTING

FACTOR IS PRESENCE OF SOME COMMUNISTS WITHIN TOP LEADERSHIP.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH LABATT, LO INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY THORBJORN CARLSSON ANGRILY DESCRIBED DEVELOPMENT AS "HOSTILE ACTION" AND "CRUDE INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF SWEDISH LABOR" BY SOVIET TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION AND SAID HE WOULD MAKE THESE VIEWS KNOWN TO ITS OFFICIALS IN MOSCOW. HE WOULD ALSO MAKE IT CLEAR, CARLSSON ADDED, THAT THIS ACTION WILL DISCOURAGE ANY MOVEMENT TOWARDS CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN SWEDISH AND SOVIET UNIONS THAT LATTER HAVE BEEN PRESSING FOR. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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